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AREAS AT SYDNEY

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1. WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE REGIONAL SECURITY OFFICER, WE HAVE MADE A COMPREHENSIVE SURVEY OF OUR SECURITY SITUATION. OUR GREATEST VULNERABILITY ARISES FROM THE INADEQUACIES OF CONTROL OVER THE RECEPTION AREA. AT PRESENT, LACKING A FULL-TIME RECEPTIONIST WE HAVE HAD TO LOAD THIS DUTY ON TO THE TELEPHONIST/TYPIST. ALTHOUGH THE INCUMBENT OF THIS POSITION SITS IN THE RECEPTION AREA, SHE IS UNABLE TO DEVOTE FULL ATTENTION TO THE SCREENING AND RECEPTION AND GUIDANCE OF THE HUNDREDS
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OF CALLERS WHO PASS THROUGH THE AREA EACH DAY. IN

PARTICULAR, SHE IS DISTRACTED FROM HER RECEPTIONIST DUTIES BY THE BURDEN OF OPERATING THE CENTRAL TELEPHONE EXCHANGE FOR THE WHOLE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT OPERATION HERE, INCLUDING NOT ONLY THE CONSULATE GENERAL AND VISA/PASSPORT INQUIRIES BUT SWITCHBOARD CONTACT FOR USIS, AS WELL AS THE COMMERCIAL SECTION AND THE TRADE CENTER ON THE SECOND FLOOR.

2. IT IS PROPOSED, THEREFORE, THAT THE TELEPHONE SWITCHBOARD AND THE TELEPHONIST/TYPIST BE MOVED OUT OF THE RECEPTION AREA INTO THE ADMINISTRATIVE AREA AND THAT A FULL-TIME LOCAL BE HIRED AS RECEPTIONIST TO CONTROL AND SCREEN ALL VISITORS ENTERING THE CONSULATE GENERAL. SUCH A POSITION WOULD COST APPROXIMATELY AUSTRALIAN DOL. 7,000.00 PER ANNUM. I RECOGNIZE THE DIFFICULTY WHICH MAY BE PRESENTED BY THE CREATION OF A NEW POSITION BUT IN THE CONTEXT OF THE APPARENTLY INCREASING WORLDWIDE SECURITY THREAT IT SEEMS TO ME THAT THIS PROPOSAL IS REASONABLE AND INDEED IS WITHOUT QUESTION THE MOST IMPORTANT SINGLE THING THAT COULD BE DONE IN SYDNEY TO IMPROVE SECURITY. MOREOVER, IF THIS CANNOT BE DONE, IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO TAKE CERTAIN OTHER MEASURES WHICH WILL INVOLVE NEW PARTITIONING AND BULLETPROOF GLASS PROTECTION TO THE PRESENT RECEPTION AREA.

3. IN ADDITION, WE ALSO PROPOSE THE FOLLOWING CHANGES WHICH HAVE BEEN DISCUSSED WITH THE REGIONAL SECURITY OFFICER:

A. A NEW DOOR TO BE INSTALLED FROM THE RECEPTION AREA INTO THE USIS LIBRARY. THIS NEW ENTRY WOULD UNDER NORMAL CIRCUMSTANCES REMAIN LOCKED BUT COULD BE OPENED DURING A TIME OF STRESS, THEREBY PROVIDING INTERNAL ACCESS BETWEEN THE CONSULATE GENERAL RECEPTION ROOM AND THE USIS OFFICES AND AT THE SAME TIME PERMIT US TO CLOSE THE REGULAR OUTSIDE ENTRANCE TO USIS.

B. THE COUNTERS IN THE VISA, IMMIGRATION AND PASSPORT AREAS WILL BE ENCLOSED WITH BULLETPROOF GLASS, FROM COUNTERTOPS TO THE CEILING, TO PREVENT ACCESS BEHIND THE COUNTERS. COUNTER DOORS WILL BE LOCKED AT ALL CONFIDENTIAL

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TIMES FROM THE INSIDE. ACCESS FROM CONSULATE PERSONNEL WILL BE THROUGH A NEW DOORWAY OPENING INTO THE ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION.

C. ALL AREAS THAT ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC WILL HAVE THE DOORS, PRESENTLY INSTALLED, EQUIPPED WITH ELECTRIC LOCKS. THIS ARRANGEMENT WOULD MAKE POSSIBLE FOR MOVEMENT OF THE STAFF FROM CG'S OFFICE THROUGH PPT AND VISA SECTIONS TO ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION,

UNOBSERVED FROM PUBLIC AREAS.

D. THE C&R ROOM WILL BE ENLARGED BY 3 FEET TO ALLOW FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A NEW DISINTEGRATOR WHICH HAS BEEN ORDERED. NO STRUCTURAL CHANGES WILL BE UNDERTAKEN. ALL CHANGES ANTICIPATED WILL BE DONE WITH MOVABLE PARTITIONING WHICH IS THE PROPERTY OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT. TOTAL COSTS TO STATE AS PER CONTRACT BID RECEIVED WILL BE: AUSTRALIAN 10,880.00 WHICH EQUALS U.S. 13,801.28.

E. TO ALLOW AN ESCAPE ROUTE FOR THE OFFICE AREA OF USIS WITHOUT GOING THROUGH THE PUBLIC AREAS, A NEW DOORWAY WILL BE INSTALLED IN THE BCAA'S OFFICE. TOTAL COST TO USIS WILL BE: AUSTRALIAN 126.00 WHICH EQUALS U.S. 159.33.

4. DECEMBER 4 EXCHANGE RATE AUST. DOL 1.00 EQUALS U.S. 1.2685.
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